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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Early majority prices were higher in Eastern markets, unchanged in the Central and Western areas when compared to the past trading period. Demand was moderate at best in late week for additional needs. Offerings were well cleared from production areas. Parts movement was best where featured. Fast food needs were as expected for the time of month. Reduced kills were present in some areas for the early week holiday. Weights were satisfactory for needs.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers bob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02/19-02/24/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
	Delivered to First Receivers			
Chicago	47.00-51.00	46.00-59.00	50.75	24
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	51.00-53.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.50-63.00	47.00-65.00	62.13	82

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
606	57.40-62.75	61.53
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	144.50	4,465
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50	1,064
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.00	720
LEG QUARTERS	23.00	8,038
WINGS	87.00	2,796

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Additional offerings of whole birds and Wogs were adequate or available for the light to moderate trade needs. Movement into all channels was lighter than expected for week's end, mostly light with an occasional moderate noted into food service accounts. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was light overall with bone-in breasts the best call. Supplies were irregular, mostly balanced. The market tone was steady to instances firm on whole breasts and about steady on all other items.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of the 3 pound and heavier weights were well balanced to closely cleared, however, the lighter birds were at least sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels was mostly fair to moderate at best. The market tone was steady on the 2.5 pound birds, fully steady on the larger birds. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to balanced, but boneless-skinless breasts remained available. Wings were clearing well, and dark meat cuts were more than sufficient.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Trading for next week's deliveries reported at unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to slightly higher on new negotiations. Offerings adequate overall. Buyers interest fair and centered on regular needs. Demand was moderate where featured elsewhere light. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted: So. California - whole body 59-69, whole cut-up 79, leg quarters 10# bag 290-390, wings 129, thighs 77-129, drumsticks 77-129, 5# bag 395, whole legs 99-129, split breasts 97-159, boneless leg meat 118, boneless thigh meat 149-168, boneless/skinless breasts 169-399, roasters 99 game hens 139; No. California - leg quarters 10# bag 590, split breasts 100-139, drumsticks 99, thighs 99, wings 99, livers 99, roasters 109-139; Denver - whole cut-up 99, drumsticks 89-99, thighs 89-99; Arizona - whole 99-129, drumsticks 89-119, thighs 89-119, wings 109, split breasts 99, skinless split breasts 169-269, boneless/skinless breasts 299-419, (IQF bagged - 3# drumsticks 499, 3# thighs 499, 3# boneless/skinless breasts 799, 4# wings 599).

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances fully steady. Demand was light to moderate with some increased interest and trading noted. Supplies were sufficient to closer balanced for 3 pound whole product. Processing schedules for next week are mostly full time with a few plants down Monday for President's Day. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to tight for bone-in and fronts and confidently held. Wings were in good balance and moving well, and dark meat items were sufficient to close balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend and mostly noted as moderate. Offerings of 3 pound and heavier sizes were adequate to closely cleared. Smaller sizes were sufficient. Live supplies were about moderate, with weights in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breast were in good balance and well cleared. Wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Boneless skinless breast were available.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		49-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		56.60
NO. OF BOXES		9,737
CUMULATIVE	02/12/01-02/16/01	55.66
	02/14/00-02/18/00	49.01
NO. OF BOXES	02/12/01-02/16/01	47,498
	02/14/00-02/18/00	37,690

\*7 of 8 plants reporting.

FEBRUARY 15, 2001

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

FEBRUARY 16, 2001

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	902	120.00-205.00	140-145	142.32	816	130.00-205.00	140-145	144.04	4,327	143.17
TENDERLOINS	160	135.00-210.00	140-145	151.88	120	127.00-210.00	145	149.83	813	148.09
BREAST - LINE RUN	125	72.00-75.00	-	74.04	125	72.00-75.00	-	74.04	586	75.04
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				378	71.30
LEGS	126	28.00-40.00	29-30	29.21	86	29.00-40.00	29-30	30.23	470	29.28
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	229	16.50-20.00	17-18	17.38	429	16.50-20.00	17-18	17.39	1,745	17.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,660	18.50-24.00	21-23	21.71	2,215	19.00-24.00	22-23	22.23	8,025	21.88
WINGS (WHOLE)	304	85.00-88.00	86-87	86.88	304	84.00-88.00	85-87	86.75	1,299	86.72
WINGS (CUT)	605	93.00-116.00	97-99	101.10	638	87.00-116.00	97-99	100.88	3,157	100.87
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				93	35.30
B/S THIGHS	121	80.00-95.00	-	85.12	83	84.00-95.00	-	88.96	390	87.28

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR FEB 15, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE**

43.25 - 47.00

**AVERAGE**

44.69

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR FEB 16, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE**

43.25 - 47.50

**AVERAGE**

45.03

**5-DAY****AVERAGE**

44.36

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend, but was generally no better than moderate overall. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were usually available, but, bone-in breasts were closely balanced to no more than adequate. Dark meat parts were at least sufficient, although, thighs were in the better balanced position. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair and usually best where promotions were a factor. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts, mostly steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	FEB 15, 2001	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	FEB 16, 2001 VOL/LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S		135	135.87	592,920	135136.65	581,340	135.73	2,841,920	
TENDERLOINS		130-135	134.79	83,400	130-135134.48	89,200	134.36	425,708	
BREAST - WITH RIBS		69-70	75.62	225,760	69-7075.51	174,840	75.89	1,042,360	
BREAST - LINE RUN		69	72.21	168,000	6970.80	202,800	71.74	1,002,480	32-33
LEGS		32-33	34.69	250,840	35.18	248,040	35.29	1,096,600	20-21
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		20-21	20.47	476,220	19.52	616,886	20.18	2,690,464	27-28
DRUMSTICKS		27-28	33.95	126,830	34.69	121,830	34.23	631,050	29-30
THIGHS		29-30	32.40	125,860	32.90	148,190	31.75	706,940	85-86
B/S THIGHS		85-86	89.63	37,960	90.01	52,120	88.81	198,260	81-82
WINGS (WHOLE)		81-82	89.30	284,000	89.47	323,000	88.87	1,472,220	10-12
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.48	61,080	12.04	62,520	12.16	271,800	30-35
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		30-35	32.97	30,920	33.50	53,600	33.19	180,500	40-45
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		40-45	44.61	35,840	44.77	79,960	44.66	268,812	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/16 02/15 02/14 02/13 02/14 02/13 02/09 02/07				
ALA	3,889 3,933 3,417 3,879 5.01 5.06 3,904 4.93				
ARK	4,934 5,155 5,173 4,894 4.86 4.90 4,557 4.86				
DELMARVA	2,271 2,302 2,076 2,154 4.98 4.97 2,202 4.91				
KY-LA-TN	1,959 2,007 1,931 1,770 4.53 4.60 1,935 4.58				
MISS	2,945 2,807 2,717 2,675 4.95 4.98 2,704 5.10				
NC	2,890 2,624 2,559 2,421 5.74 5.79 2,831 5.81				
TEXAS	2,297 2,298 2,244 2,280 4.87 4.87 1,836 4.89				
TOTAL	21,185 21,126 20,117 20,073 4.99 5.03 19,969 5.01				
MON-FRI103,810(A)					101,521(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16 & 17-Feb-01 is estimated to be 31,695,000 up 1.67 percent from a week ago and down 4.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 33,307,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 17-Feb-01 is estimated to be 150,208,000 head down 1.5 percent from a week ago, and down 3.2 percent from a year ago (Last week 152,518,000 Last year 155,193,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
(L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 108
	ICE PACK 93-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK104-111
	DRY PACK 116
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 93
	DRY PACK 91
DUCKS	152-172

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Feb 03, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	33,818	29,037	44,630
Avg Weight	3.77	4.86	6.11
% of total /1	31%	27%	42%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	33,546	29,735	40,050
Avg Weight	3.76	4.85	5.97
% of total /1	32%	29%	39%
Same week, yr ago /2	35,911	28,783	43,210
Avg Weight	3.82	4.79	6.15
% of total /1	33%	27%	40%
To date/2001	165,019	134,109	223,801
To date/2000	156,756	150,044	206,588

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding.

2/ Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 10-Feb-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	152,518(A)	1,956	1,346	3,302	532
AVG WT	5.12	3.50	7.74	5.23	6.54
LAST WEEK	149,857	1,942	1,305	3,247	472
SAME WK YR AGO	156,048	1,976	1,362	3,338	393
AVG WT	4.87	3.43	7.79	5.21	6.79
TO-DATE/2001	893,112	11,049	7,397	18,446	2,919
TO-DATE/2000	921,092	12,243	7,966	20,209	2,904

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.4 million head or 4.9 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

#### **EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: FEB 13, 2001**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.68 -.74	Silkie	3.50 - 5.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.68 -.88	Pigeons	2.00 - 2.60ea.
Pekin Ducks	.50 -.64	White Pigeons	2.75 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.70 -.92	Rabbits	
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 -1.10	4-6 LBS	1.20 - 1.62ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 -1.04	Rabbits	
Crossbred Roosters		7-11 LBS	1.00 - 1.24
4-6 LBS	.60 -1.02	Bunnies	1.00 - 7.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Guinea Pigs	.10 - 4.50ea.
7-11 LBS	.60 -.94	Kid Goats	18.00 -25.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.70 -2.30	Doves	3.50 - 5.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 -5.75ea	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.70 - .92
Banty Hens	2.50 -4.00ea.		
Leghorn Roosters	.30 -.52	Total Coops Sold	568

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 12-FEB-2001

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	63-64
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83 65-75

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Demand was light to fairly good. Sizes were in the desirable to light range. Slaughter schedules were part to full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.30-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15. NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 12-FEB-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY	6 126.8	139.4	91	5.17
	13 159.1	147.6	108	5.09
	20 151.7	151.9	100	5.07
	27 158.7	152.3	104	4.97
FEBRUARY	3 151.7	152.7	99	4.89
	10 154.4	149.5	103	5.12
YEAR TO DATE	904.0	893.4	101	
FEBRUARY	17 148.8			
	24 151.6			

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	02/17/01	02/10/01	% CHG	02/19/00	% CHG
Broilers	150,208	152,518*	-02	155,193*	-03
Cattle	638	617	+03	684*	-07
Hogs	1,962	1,804	+09	1,901*	+03

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Prices were irregular but usually unchanged on light canners and unchanged to slightly lower on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Trading was fair for a demand that ranged from moderate to good. Offerings were about adequate to adequate with supplies clearing. Undertone was about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
22-24 MAJORITY	36-37 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
25-26 MAJORITY	37-39 MAJORITY

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for offerings that ranged from about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal as some were on a holiday work week. Interest for finished product was clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Spent hen demand was slow for fully adequate supplies. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices remain unchanged. Offerings continue ample for the mostly light to moderate demand. Rendering facilities continue to absorb excess spent fowl at this call. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

#### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were about adequate to ample. Demand was only fair. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal as some were on holiday schedules. The undertone was about steady to steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were slow with current schedules adequate for sales needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings generally exceeded available line time.

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